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Customer Number 22,852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Shirou SUZUKI.	)	Group Art Unit: 2643
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Application No.: 09/189,637	)	Examiner: L. S. Lao
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Filed: November 10, 1998	)	Confirmation No. 5700
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For: NOISE REDUCTION APPARATUS	)	
AND NOISE REDUCTION	)	
METHOD	)	
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In the final Office Action dated May 18, 2005, the Examiner noted that he did not receive a copy of Form PTO-1449 that Applicant had submitted on May 17, 2002. To verify that the IDS and Form PTO-1449 were filed in this application on May 17, 2002, Applicant encloses a PTO stamped postcard receipt verifying the filing of the IDS and Form PTO-1449, which were filed on May 17, 2002. Furthermore, Applicant also encloses a copy of the IDS and Form PTO-1449 that were filed on May 17, 2002.

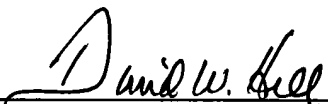
Applicant also encloses a new Form PTO-1449 and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on the PTO 1449 and indicate that it was considered by making the appropriate notation on the form.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Letter. Please charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. PTO Form 1449 with one document
3. Check in the amount of \$180.00

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

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documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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	US 5,926,334	July 20, 1999	Suzuki			

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